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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DESIGNATIONS FOR BERLIN IN INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATION CONTEXT

SUMMARY: FRG HAS RAISED QUESTION OF HOW TO RESOLVE
MATTER OF DESIGNATIONS FOR EAST AND WEST BERLIN IN
CONTEXT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, EXPRESSING
HOPE THAT DEFINITIVE SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND. FRG
STRONGLY DESIRES POLITICAL ASPECTS OF QUESTION TO BE
DISCUSSED IN BONN GROUP, BUT HAS AGREED TO ALLIED
SUGGESTION THAT THE FOUR UN MISSIONS BE REQUESTED
TO CATALOG AND DEFINE ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM AS IT
EXISTS WITHIN UN CONTEXT. END SUMMARY

1. FRG REP (KASTRUP) HAS TOLD BONN GROUP THAT
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOPES OVERALL PROBLEM OF DESIGNA-
TIONS FOR BERLIN CAN BE RESOLVED BY DEFINITIVE
AGREEMENT WITH SOVIETS AND GDR. KASTRUP SAID BONN
HAD GIVEN MUCH THOUGHT TO PROBLEM BUT HAD ONLY COME
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UP WITH "BERLIN -- SEAT OF GOVERNMENT OF THE GDR"

AND "BERLIN (WEST).". FRG WOULD WELCOME ALLIED THOUGHTS ON FORMULATIONS AND HOW TO PROCEED.

2. ALLIED REPS IN SEPT 27 BONN GROUP MEETING RESPONDED THAT FRG FORMULATION SEEMED UNDESIRABLE FROM WESTERN POINT OF VIEW AND PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO GDR. IN DISCUSSION, IT SOON BECAME CLEAR THAT REPS IN BONN DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT KNOWLEDGE OF PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF PROBLEM TO COME UP NOW WITH ACCEPTABLE AND WORKABLE PROPOSALS. FRG REP SAID BONN FELT VERY STRONGLY THAT DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THE QUESTION SHOULD BE HELD IN BONN GROUP, BUT THAT FRG WOULD AGREE TO HAVING FOUR UN MISSIONS DEFINE AND CATALOG ENTIRE PROBLEM AND TO PERHAPS MAKE PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. ALLIED REPS AGREED TO REPORT AND TO RECOMMEND THIS PROCEDURE TO THEIR RESPECTIVE AUTHORITIES.

3. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: OVERALL PACKAGE AGREEMENT ON WHAT WILL SOON BECOME A VEXING PROBLEM WOULD, OF COURSE, BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE. AT SAME TIME, WE ARE DUBIOUS THAT OTHER SIDE WOULD BE INCLINED TO AGREE TO THE KIND OF LANGUAGE WHICH WE WILL PROBABLY REQUIRE. WE ARE FROM HERE, OF COURSE, NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE ANY JUDGEMENTS ON TACTICS OF SITUATION IN NEW YORK BUT FRG HAS TOLD US THAT LEGAL ADVISOR SUY HAS DISCUSSED BERLIN DESIGNATIONS PROBLEM WITH HIS STAFF, AND THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT SUY WOULD NOT BE UNHELPFUL IN MATTER. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ASK USUN TO PARTICIPATE IN REVIEW OF PROBLEM AS OUTLINED PARA 2 ABOVE.
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